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Railroad Construction

1. In 1950, a new railroad line was completed from Sofia to Pernik (N 42-36, E 23-03, now Dimitrovo) via Voluyak (N 42-47, E 23-14). The line was built in great haste and proved to be unsatisfactory when operations were begun. Several engineers who were responsible for the work were arrested, and one of them was sentenced to death. The line is now being relaid by Soviet experts with "45" type rails (45 kilograms per meter), which are brought from the USSR.
2. In 1951, a railroad line was under construction from Karnobat (N 42-39, E 27-00) to Shumen (N 43-16, E 26-55, now Kolarovgrad) via Omortag (N 43-06, E 26-24).

Highway Construction

3. The portion of the Bulgarian highway system which is the responsibility of the Ministry of Construction has a total length of 25,000 kilometers, of which only 1,000 are paved. Most of the highways are in bad condition and repairs are carried out very slowly. Four hundred to 500 kilometers of new highways are built each year.
4. The Sofia-Mezdra-Vratsa-Lom highway is being paved with a macadam surface eight meters wide and has a minimum turning curvature of 50 meters. The Sofia-Mezdra (N 43-09, E 23-40) section of this road is entirely new.
5. The Army has begun to build six highways in the Rhodope Mountains. All six roads lead to the Greek frontier.

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